OUR SPECIAL REPORT.

A DIFFICULT LANDING.

FLIGHT OF THE REBELS.

3,000 PRISONERS TAKEN.

DEATH OF O. JENNINGS WISE.

THE REBEL FLEET DESTROYED.

BURNING OF ELIZABETH CITY.

THE TOWN OF EDENTON TAKEN.

COM. GOLDSBOROUGH'S OFFICIAL REPORT.

THE FIELD OF OPERATIONS.

ROANOKE ISLAND. Was is about fifty miles up Paintico Sound, twelve moles long, three miles wide, and said to be fortified by the Rebels on the southern, eastern, and western The most fensible approach to the island is by Croatan Sound, which is about one mile wide, with two chappels, and nine feet of water in each On the 12th of January, when the Rebels learned of the arrival of Gen. Baraside at Hatterns Inlet, they connected the construction of a battery about midway of the Island, in addition to the battery of six lower end of the island. The forces were at that time largely increased, in anticipation

immediate attack. Roznoke Island is a position which is valuable to commanding as it does the Curritock Sound, which opens into the Albemurle. Currituek is about fifty miles long, ten miles wide, and is pavigable for drawing ten feet of water. Owing to the natural breakwater which protects a large portion of the coasts of North Carolina and Virginia, the water is as placid as a lake, and easily navigated.

Albemarle Sound extends in a westerly direction about sixty miles; it is from four to fifteen miles in wiath, and though in many parts quite shoul, is sufficiently deep to admit of the passage of vessels of ten feet of water.

The Pasquotank River, which has its rise in the Besteal Swamp, flows into this sound. A canal, called the Dismal Swamp Canal, connects this river with Drummond Lake in Dismal Swamp. This lake is about thirty miles in length and from ten to twelve tailes in breadth. When full, the surface of the lake is 31 feet above tide water.

The Jeriche Canal connects this lake with Suffolk. which is situated on the Nansemord River and on the Portsmouth and Roanoke Railroad. It is St. ics south-east of Richmond, and 20 miles from Rampion Roads.

Nansemond River cuters Unupton Roads, and is pavigable for vessels of ten feet of water from Suf-

Is 150 miles from the month of Roanoke River, seldom the is the limit to steamboat mavication.

the "Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomae, Rich. | not the eligencest possibility. Petersburg, Va., is 164 miles distant.

Weldon seems peculiarly situated for an attack. Richmond and Manassas.

navigable for steamboats from its mouth, which is at

WASHINGTON, N. C. Washington is in Beautort County, on the left bank of the Tar River, at the head of Pamlico River. The latter is navigable to Washington for boats drawing eight feet of water. Tar R-ver, which is a continnation of Pamlico River, is navigable for boats with less than eight feet of water to Tarboro .

OFFICIAL REPORT OF COMMODORE GOLDSBOROUGH.
WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 14, 1962.

he following dispatches:

of large caliber, and some of them rifled; eight steamers mounting two puns each, and each having a rifled gnn with a diameter of a 32 pounder, a prolonged obstruction of smaller vessels and hills to thwart our advance, and altogether a body of men combering scarcely less than 5,000, of whem 3,000 km now our response. are now our prisoners.
The fighting commenced on the morning of the

7th inst., at about 11 o'clock, and was continued at dark. The following moraing it was resumed at a early hour, and it lested until well in the afternoon when by a bold charge by our army the Rebel flar, and can awn was house

Department bereafter.

I beg to submit herewith a copy of a general order

Commandler North Atlantic Block-sding Squa To the Hon, Gippon Walles Secretary of the Rays.

THE ROANOKE VICTORY, against the enemy were alike worthy of yourselves and the sacred cause our gloriens flag upholds.

I think you for them, and congratulate you upon the results activeed. No commander-in-edic could have

ed a more gradifying display of coolness, skill, liseipline. have yet more work of the kind to accomplish, ica of resemble. From will do it well.

L. M. GOLDSBOROUGH.

will inform you.

they decided to send the Stars and Stripes of to

COM. LYNCH MISSING.

and two of the Rebel flags we have taken. i un respectfully, your obselved errors, L. M. GOLDSBORG Fing Off

U. S. SIRAMER DYLAMARE OF ELIZAMETH CITY, 7 Miscasy, Feb. 10, 1007.

ring the warmin of the enemy's aire, say two or and was prepared to fall into line.

umber of killed of our navy is about twenty, and of an answering gleam from the old North coast. the army about thirty.

cath of Tistory, as well as to correct a positive miss purpose of the nation to crush out the relati penuture but after a well-considered survey of his parcel of our strange experience.

which, in consequence of the obstruction of a fall, command will have few victories harder won than that on hand. Welden is a point of considerable strategic im. lice Sound. Over the bulkhead, at the beginning, Hosnoke Island is descried directly abend of us, the the sun shines out brightly, and there is a good prosportance. Four railroads meet there, viz: The Wilmington and Weldon, the Scaboard and Roanoke, Jeffers, of the Navy, could find barely eight feet of Rebel steamer is seen in the distance. Within the

morning. The announcement sends a thrill of joy to do, and talk of the morrow. The difficulties that but son are affect again. Initiably intrenched as is Manassas. It is not far and Gon. Burnaide have had an interview on board from Richmond, and, furthermore, the seizure of this the shap-ship to arrange some final details, and the are not disguised. What they are likely to be, need squadron being in the rear. The Rebel steamers are The easuattee of the second as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as their stronghold, near the middle of the regarded as the respect, and mutual personal regard, which the sea pone of an extraordinary character arise, the record the waters of the Croatan, and a shot from a Robel Melins, Chief Engineer of the same, badly wounded island, from three to five miles from the place where son of trial just passed has only served to render all will be relieved of what we have already had quite steamer is fired, apparently as a warning of our ap-

If spelled Nuss-which, next to the Cape Fear, is the krgest navigable stream in North Carolina. It is on the river, is a point and somewhat the enemy speckers, who had to morrow. The distance is between 40 and 50 at which the railroads from Wilmington, on the will be known at which the railroads from Wilmington, on the will be known at which the railroads from Wilmington, on the will be known at which the railroads from Wilmington, on the will be known at which the railroads from Wilmington, on the will be known at which the railroads from Wilmington, on the will be known at which the railroads from Wilmington, on the will be known at which the railroads from Wilmington, on the will be known at which the railroads from Wilmington, on the will be known at which the railroads from Wilmington, on the will be known at which the railroads from Wilmington, on the will be known at which the railroads from Wilmington, on the will be known at which the railroads from Wilmington, on the will be known at which the railroads from Wilmington, on the will be known at which the railroads from Wilmington, on the will be known at which the railroads from Wilmington, on the will be known at which the railroads from Wilmington, on the will be known at which the railroads from Wilmington, on the will be known at which the railroads from Wilmington, on the will be known at which the railroads from Wilmington, on the will be which the railroads from Wilmington, on the will be which the railroads from Wilmington, on the will be which the railroads from Wilmington, on the will be which the railroads from Wilmington, on the will be which the will be which the will be which the will be wil

struck to us yesterday. Their means of defense we troly formidable, and they were used with a describing worthy of a better cause. They constructed works, mountained of two eisborately-constructed works, mountained on the navy. Read though not quite so prompt the navy banks of clouds; while in the island, about one still larger than either. In addition to constructions in the right, Gen. Reno's next, and Gen. Parks's last.

to be read on the quarter-back of each vessel belonging to that branch of the expedition.

The Navy and Army Codes are used by the law, very respectfully, your obselvant, respective fleets. The flag-ship Philadelphia leads, would make their first stand behind a battery. Right the flag-ship, who were, by this barriende, defeated would make their first stand behind a battery. Right the flag-ship, who were, by this barriende, defeated would make their first stand behind a battery. Right the flag-ship, who were, by the barriende, defeated would make their first stand behind a battery. Right the flag-ship propose to engage them at short and is compelled from time to time to stop to allow gallantly they go ahead; nothing but their smoke- in their purpose to engage them at short the gaps which her speed creates to close up. The machs become visible. The naval fleet follows, at a range (if the Rebels stood fire), and dash at one Delawase, the division flag-ship of Commander distance of three miles, their faithful, gullant advance through the Sound. Bellind their barricade the

behind. The man on the lockout proclaims a sail on men ever obeyed more promptly. the M. W. quarter, which spying the arunda speedily Now there is a balt. The haze which for the last

nunkes off, and is not seen after. deliver another blow to crush the hy light, when the Picket, will be deliver another blow to crush the hy light blow about the free of the en-L. M. GOLDSBOROUGH.

U. S. Striker Pennagara Pet 10, 192. Striker Pennagara Penna the destruction up the North River of a link of the destruction up the North River of a link of the destruction up the North River of a link of the destruction up the North River of a link of the destruction up the North River of a link of the destruction up the North River of a link of the destruction up the North River of a link of the destruction up the North River of a link of the column circling some distance into Croatan Sound and across the narrow with a whole learn at his work, and the way he had overcome their difficulty, and are bearing passage. It is supposed that there are other steam passage. It is supposed that there are other steam passage. a copy of which I have here with to in- down toward us. Meanwhile the squadron has ere and sailing-craft, which were obscured by the fog. of fire. Several of our gusboats engaged it with field and Valley City, nearly an hour, the battery re-Riose's to-morrow, to bring me ammunition Fing-Officer (foldal orough makes the signal to addished is here that they have concentrated their forces an existing the signal to addished their forces and without delay. on there without delay.

Mr. Van Brust, my Secretary, will go in her, and conced to Washington to deliver you my dispatches ten minutes after the order is obeyed under full head nam made their reconneissance with deliberation, islans, the Delaware, the Whitehead, the Hizel, the About 9 o'clock five Rebel schooners, towed by of steam.

Jetters, was dispatched ahead by Plag-officer Golds- tremely narrow for some distance. borough, taking a store schooner in tow, with orders On the receipt of this information, Flag-Officer Son: I have the happiness to report that I have to make for Long Point Shoals, and with the view of Goldsborough summoned Gens. Burnside, Foster at the enemy of this place this morning at the enemy of this place this morning at the enemy of this place the make for look, and after a very sharp engagement, have removed. This precaution was timely, since the Had the navel fleet been able to make out the sign removed. delicating and destroying his battery on should a place of hidden dangers, making out as it make of the Flag-Officer before coming to anchor, of the Point.

It being a part of the plan of operations previously does from the east nearly the entire width of the sound, and were preparately and the plan of operations previously does from the east nearly the entire width of the sound, driving the vessels far to the westward. At sound, who is wounded and a prisoner board this strip. I have other prisoners.

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I send the Ellis to you noter command of Acting that which the Rebels most relied on to prevent the laster Chase of this ship, whom I have you will contain a proper the short whom I have you will contain a proper the short whom I have you will contain a proper the short whom I have you will contain a proper the short whom I have you will contain a proper the short whom I have you will contain a proper the short whom I have you will contain a proper that the short whom I have you will contain a proper that which the Rebels most relied on to prevent the short whom I have you will contain a proper that the short whom I have you will contain a proper that the short whom I have you will contain a proper that the short whom I have you will contain a proper that the short whom I have you will contain a proper that the short whom I have you will contain a proper that the short whom I have you will contain a proper that the short whom I have you will contain a proper that the short whom I have you will contain a proper that the short whom I have you will contain a proper that the short whom I have you will contain a proper that the short whom I have you will contain a proper that the short whom I have you will contain a proper that the short whom I have you will contain a proper that the short whom I have you will contain a proper that the short whom I have you will contain a proper that the short whom I have you will contain a proper that the short whom I have you will contain a proper that the short whom I have you will contain a proper that the short whom I have you will contain a proper that the short whom I have you will be short wh of the speciacle. The vessels present a solid front, squadrons, which had come to anchor from half a The conduct of the gallant men I have the honor with the national energy atreaming from innumera- mile to three miles from the Marsh Light-House, to clear the woods and cover the landing. A few sege into Albemarie Sound. They started at 11 p. defailed account will be furnished when I have ble musts. Signals are fisshing gayly in the sun-should so remain till the fog rose and our definite staine, from ship to ship; columns and brigades obey arrangements were completed for transferring the and they did not reappear in that vicinity. The land-I am happy to say that none of our vessels are set the silent communeds, and are organized in new troops from the army transports, so that the erety to jurge.

I shall leave here a small force and visit the canals arrays; the fing-steamer proudly leads the van, with entire available force could be brought to bear, and posts whose gans did good service. This landing was ing. and was the first to go into Albertarie So take a look into the other places before I return, we the honer to be, very respectfully, your obsolute the navel gunbours, in strict columns; after them press on a mass of black steamers, Commander, U. S. N.

Commander, U. S. N.

Commander, U. S. N. No official report, but merely a private letter, has and troop-ships; and, far in the rear, the last brigade gion of Hatters alone can boast—and the weather the flag of the Union was planted on the island amid the Putnam got aground in an exposed position. To to 1 o clock to-day been received from Gen. Burn- closes the great pageant. Over all, out of a clear became so thick that observations could be made for sky, beams an auspicious sun-a sun of Austerlius, only a short distance. It was evident that the day till late at night. Meanwhite, the cordon of fire was should the batteries open. Therefore the whole ex-Assistant Secretary of the Navy Fox has also The waters of the Sound are gleaning gaily under must go by wi hout finding our position being matereceived a private letter, in which it is stated that the his smile, and, afar off, the white cottages send back risity changed. Toward the middle of the afternoon, though a shower of iron hall was falling on it, stood till two hours had elapsed, then too late in the day

has something in it that impires the heart with con- observed coming down the Sound, probably to obfidence and renewed hopes. It must present to the serve our movements. The Army Squadron was vicinity, and been set on fire; and over the scene of night. Frenches, Feb. 4.—We mere in the anxions eyes which are watching us from those dis signaled to be on the alert. They did not, however, conflict rose a dense cloud of smoke, while the flames Saturday Evening, Feb. 8.—A victory has been erning! The Expedition is ready. It is due to the tant shores a symbol of the fixed and determined approach very near, but ran back again after taking burst out in many places. The roar of the cannon-won that will thrill every floyal heart in the land. next wade from here, that the fact should be re- has arisen to disturb its giorieus progress. It is hard balf a dozen miles. It is not likely that what they ness, the glare of the flames, the thunder of the make a struggle for existence has the rebellion repeated that Flag-Officer Goldsborough was ready to to realize that this great arounds hus so lately been saw increased their confidence. ove on the 19th ult., sixteen days ago, on which buffeled by the storms of Hatterns, stranded and By night the troops have been removed from five to be remembered by all who witnessed or particle dition whose progress from day to day has been day he had seventeen steamers anchored in the builled among those perlbos and shifting sands, with armed propellers, which take their stations with the pated in it. nd, and in a state of c suplete readiness. A few the hopes of thousands of asmed men obbing and Naval Squadron, and the entire expedition anchors s after, his fleet was increased by the arrival of flowing with the dangerous tides, shifting with the for the night where the fog found us in the morning wo other beats, kept back by eress of weather. I changes of treacherous gales, and finding their only | Thursday, Feb. 7 .- An overcast sky, with heav crashed most men, have been overcome; and how he so long ago passed away and conquered, that in- a fair day after all. has triumpled over everything, and to-night, nothing stirctively we refuse to recognize them as part and At 9 o'clock, the fog is so dense as to obscure

cituation, he is able to announce himself ready. If the In as perfect order as any commander could have which otherwise would have been made at an early history of this Expedition ever finds a faithful histori- desired, the squadron moves forward, the main shore hour, is deferred till it lifts. an, he will chronicle trials such as men are seldom being within eye-abot. Our progress had been slow; 2 o'cick 40 minutes. Flag-officer Goldstorough called to encounter and a triumph which it is still core between four and five triles an been as second of signals seldom their privilege to achieve. Gen. Burnside's, the heavy tows which some of the army steamers had way."

We are ready, and will move at 7 o'clock in the congratulations, as they have an indispetable right Pumara and Louisiana ground for a few moments, for the night, and all was still, save only as the and became stalled in the swamp, and were com-Brough the whole fleet. Flug-Officer Goldsborough may arise, the obstacles that may interpore, and that Passing through this narrow channel in single file shore, as they were from time to time recinforced by ward captured. enough; if they do arise, it will be time enough proach. The Ceres is now considerably ahead, Master's Mate, and Alex'r Hand, slightly wounded. Fester and his brigade in motion to attack them, followed

ments made last night, at 5 o'clock this morning. Friday Evening, Feb. 7 .- I write this chapter days' moon shines from a cloudless sky, almost for the first time since we commenced our long-to-be-re
days' moon shines from a cloudless sky, almost for the last eight hours to note them in the pered."

The Perry had eight shots through her, but with marshes and lagoons. On the right and left of pired for the last eight hours to note them in the memocred experiences here.

Wednesdey, a. m., Feb. 5.—Fifteen minutes before seven o'clock the flag-ship Philadelphia moved which was immediately answered by a general for-

The following is the General Order:

Your afforts of yesterday and the day before left, and from left to right, along the outspread front of observe the movements. The flag ship signals the limit as we neared the scene of conflict in the movements. The flag ship signals the

hour has been gathering renders it almost impossible. Rebel steamers in their flight out of barm's way, were during the night, and this morning was cold and dis It is now noon, and everything is going on splen- to make out the signals. Finally one from the flag- thus engaged, as many more, or about half of the mal. At an early hour rapid firing of masketry and cidly, when the Picket, with Gen Burnside, send- ship is made and repeated through the fleet: "Come naval squadron, were engaging Park Point battery, field-pieces was heard on the Island, and subsequentflag-ship that the Spanishing, with a portion of the and Putnam have returned from the reconnoissance tire fleet soon became concentrated. The battery gaged the enemy in force behind a battery, near the Third Brigade in tow, was for some unknown cause up Croatan, and report a clear passage as far as maintained the defense with more deliberation than center of the Island, and were having a hard fight, see that accompanied distance into Creatan Sound and across the narrow points of observation that the battery was terribly on them for eight hours yesterday. The firing was come to a half, and lies floating on the smooth sir- On the Point itself, and near the center of the fleet, perfect rechlesmess. At the risk of omitting some plying but seldem, when a signal from the flag-ship tuce. Re usuing his place at the head of the armida, it is believed the Rebels have their only battery. It took roundings of the channel, which they found to Hunchback, the Mars, were conspicuous for their tog, were seen approaching Wier's Point, from the At starting in the morning, the Underwriter, Lieut, have not less than ten feet on the bulkhead, but ex- dairing in approaching to the shortest range where, north, loaded with troops, presumed to be re-enforce-

faithfully and impartially, the res- consolution in the skill and energy of invincible lead- banks of fog, cast grave doubts over the weather sons why Gen. Burnside has not been ready before: ers. Disaster, delay, vexation, anxiety, despair, prospects for the day, though patches of blue sky low by degrees, and by efforts unwearied and ceases which so lately lowered around us and scared us now and then, and streaks of clear sun here and obstacles that would have discouraged and with an image of a disgraceful failure, seem things there serve as grounds of hope to those who predict

jects two miles ahead, and the signal for moving, somewhat from the battery. This came the nearest force, in all about 11,000 men, were compelled to

Nevertheless there has been no miscalen- have for some time been looking, it is immediate get off without punishment, for it is known that pailed to bivouse on the ground without protection of which marked its passage from the ocean into Pam- lation as to time, for at 4:45 the dark, low outline of ately responded to. The fog has materially lifted,

9155.—Now comes the necessary successor to the places. Some of them were baddy crippled. the Gaston and Kaleige, and the Petersburg Road, water at highest tide, and which, in spite of doubts next half hour the entire squadron reaches the previous signal, "GET UNDER WAY," In the next The first of the rouds is 162 adds in length, and runs and repeated attempts to find another, proved to be appointed place of rendezvous, from eight to ten five minutes the flag-ship leads off, the fleet in their The first of the rones is legundes in length, and runs some interesting Goldstorough countries in motion. At 10:15, Flag-Officer and the rone of the contribution of the contribution of the rone of the contribution of the contribution of the rone of the contribution of the contribution of the rone of the r hales long, and runs to Portemouth, Va. The third is bave literally plowed their way through the sandy perfect regularity the squadron obeys the order; and erect event Man to no mis nurs." It is answered The Cores into the hands of a land force, soon to approach from artillery, were stationed in the woods to oppose the finite long, and runs north-westerly to the capital of North Carolina. The fourth is otherwise known as sage of which into the Sound there appeared to be to and drops anchor, the head of the squadron assumes and the Lockmor strike out in advance, and for half the rear. The durkness had become too thick for landing. But they could not stand the shrapnel. not the slightest possibility.

In hour we file away through the narrow channel accorate firing, and at 6 p. m. Flag-Officer Goldsbo- of our gunboats that covered the landing, and the form of an immense semi-circle.

In their flight,

These trials are all passed now, and from out of

Evening.—The day closes with a visit by Gens.

Newberne is on the Neuse River—pronounced as f spelled Nms—which, next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which, next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the Cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the cape Fear, is the spelled Nms—which next to the five gunbouts have now entered Croatan Sound, and since dead. He was a brave fellow, and died pray- Parks. The advance was supported by six howing, it will be well toward imaday before the entire thes.

The gunbours have now emered Croatan Sound, and since ocas. He was a practice was supported by six now-the fleet, numbering not much, if any, short of one the fleetel, Mr.

Up to this moment nothing positive is known of the the flagship signals them to keep in close order and ing that victory might be ours. On the Hetzel, Mr. hundred sail, mostly steamers, will be under way. force of their enemy, the position or number of their use 9 inch shells, and, by way of example, lets fly liarris, Master's Mate, struck by a cannon ball on mond, and manned in part from the fleet. After We will go no further than the markles, at the lower basteries, or the truth of the rumors that Crostan one at long range to what appears to be a Rebel the back of the head; killed instantly. On the same fording a creek, Gen. Foster's force came up with extremity of Ronnole Island, and no attack will be Sound has been obstructed by driving piles and sinksteamer under the shore—then another, and another, and another, and another, and another, and another, and another steamer under the shore—then another, and another steamer under the shore—then another, and another steamer under the shore—then another steamer under the shore—the sho

to the right of the naval fleet, and at 7 precisely the ward movement. The Ceres and Patnam had been a map of this now famous locality, I will state that were promise uously scattered. Two shots lodged in connected by the narrow neck on which the battery signal to prepare to get under way was made by ordered to proceed in advance. These bosts, crowd- the movements of the morning developed the fact Flag-Officer Goldsborough, which in another minute ing all steam, were nearly two miles aboad. The that the Rebels had employed the three weeks delay was answered by the entire fleet. Then followed the rest of the fleet followed in three columns, the flag- to winch the Expedition was subjected at Kartenova A special messenger arrived this morning, bringing the following dispatches:

U. S. Fiso-Stramm Philadeline followed by the entire fleet. Then followed the morning dispatches:

U. S. Fiso-Stramm Philadeline fleet in motion, bended for Roanoke.

Roanoke I land is our. The military authorities the followed and his fleet in motion, bended for Roanoke.

Roanoke I land is our. The military authorities the first of the fleet followed in three columns, the flag-to was an empty of probably not less sip leading. The Army Squadron, Gen. Foster's military of probably not less than ten gaus, some of them of heavy caliber, bad borned in three columns, the flag-to was the only approach to the work. Gen. Foster's military of probably not less than ten gaus, some of them of heavy caliber, but the colling in the explosion been in preparing to receive as. On Park Point, about a first fleet followed in three columns, the flag-to was the only approach to the work. Gen. Foster's mind step of probably not less to be followed in three columns, the flag-to was the only approach to the work.

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The Hetzel was set on fire in her magazine at the and cannon. The enemy replied hotly with artiflery Ther means of defense also to the army fleet, and though not quite so Early in the morning there were doubtful-weather On a point two miles above, another battery had they were used with a last to the army fleet, and though not quite so Early in the morning there were doubtful-weather On a point two miles above, another battery had they were used with a last to the army fleet, and though not quite so prompt as the navy, no time was lost by them in signs. The sun struggled to east its early beams been planted. On Weir's Point, on the north end of getting under way, Gen. Foster's Brigade leading on through the heavy banks of clouds; while in the island, about one mile further above, another, created a paric, but Lieut. Franklin heroically and through the heavy banks of clouds; while in the island, about one mile further above, another, the right, Gen. Reno's next, and Gen. Parks's last.

It took an hour or two to form in regular columns, of rain. But there was to be no postponement on though the signals to both. though the signals to both mavy and army were responded to with great promptness and every man
9 o'clock.—A drizzly rain had set in, and in spite is the channel, in which they had at intervals sunkis the channel, in which they had at intervals sunkof promises that it will clear up by and by, there is on vessels and driven piles, commencing at a not particularly desired; but, considering the man-The morning was clear, with a fresh breeze from the north, as if over ice hills and snow plains. The same against the north, as if over ice hills and snow plains. The same against the north, as if over ice hills and snow plains. The same against the north, as if over ice hills and snow plains. The same against the north, as if over ice hills and snow plains. The same against the north, as if over ice hills and snow plains. The same against the north as if over ice hills and snow plains. The same against the north as if over ice hills and snow plains. The same against the north as if over ice hills and snow plains. The same against the north as if over ice hills and snow plains. The same against the north as if over ice hills and snow plains. The same against the north as if over ice hills and snow plains. The same against the north as if over ice hills and snow plains. The same against the north as if over ice hills and snow plains. The same against the north as if over ice hills and snow plains. The same against the north as if over ice hills and snow plains. The same against the north as if over ice hills and snow plains. The same against the north as if over ice hills and snow plains. The same against the north as if over ice hills and snow plains. The same against the north as if over ice hills and snow plains. The same against the north as if over ice hills and snow plains. The same against the north as if over ice hills and snow plains. The same against the north as if over ice hills and snow plains. The same against the north as if over ice hills and snow plains against the north as if over ice hills and snow plains. The same against the north as if over ice hills and snow plains against the north as if over ice hills and snow plains. The same against the north as if over ice hills and snow plains against the north as if over ice hills and snow plains. The same against the north as if over ice hills and snow plains against the north as if over ice hills and snow plains. The same against the north as if o scured his rising, exerted a tempering influence and Hundreds of glasses trace the outlines of Rosnoke tance of about two miles and a half, where there is Island, which begin to appear through the baze, another battery. Behind this blockade, as we ap-It o'cook a. m .- Spread out over the surface of The flag-ship signals the navy equadron to draw to proached, were nine Robel gunboats, most of them the Sound for several collectic arounds is moving the center in closer order. The order is obeyed as close in shore from Park Point to Wier's Point. It ewn was housed forward in regular order. Numbering not much promptly and perfectly as a file of men could do it was to these boats that our fleet paid attention, giv-No attack short of one hundred vessels, the sail craft being in and the three columns approach each other in comwas carried our more completely executed, and if the state of the special control of the expedition left Cape and the control of the expedition will be forwarded to the benuital process of signating through Department berediter.

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the squadron. The Army Division follows that of ficet with the rapidity and accuracy of a General at a number of barges in tow of tage, and filled with character of the works of the enemy had been ascerthe Navy, in well-appointed order, about one mile the head of a column of infantry, and no column of men, were seen to disappear around Wier's Point, tained, the heaviness of our forces had been proved. as parently with troops from the Island.

particularly worthy of mention, in this connection I closed the contest. This was done to prevent their ships would float.

inable, had apprenched opposite to Ashley's Harbor, at Wier's Point.

Soon after our troops began to debark, the Rebel worse than any Bull Run imaginable. steamers, who had kept at a respectful distance, In pursaing the record, I will recapitalate some probably in the hope of being able to throw shell what. I have already mentioned the fact that the

Fry this route Richmond is 126 miles from Weldon; Wellow and will more at 7 colors for the second will more at 1 colors for the second will be second will be second will be second with a second will be second with a second will be second will be second with a sec

an iron knee, performing sciesor business among the distance, was the only approach to the work. Gen.

ments more would have been her fate.

The More had daylight let through her in places Massachusetts.

foldsborough was standing.

ows: but, luckily, no particular harm was done. The day, which for the most part had been fine, orders.

Saturday a. m., Peb. 8.- The rain which com-As the boats that had given their attention to the menced falling last evening continued at intervals orn up by our shells. It was the center of a cordon kept up by the gunboats mentioned, and the Southwill say that the Com. Perry, the Cores, the Un- land forces being fired on in case they should be ap

ments from Nag's Hend. The piles not having been While this bombardment was going on, the army removed from the channel, because the batteries still squadron, which had followed close behind the gun- protected them, the re-enforcements approached their bouts into the Sound in the handsomest style imag- destination in safety, and were landed on the Island,

he proposed point of debarkation, and were prepar-ag to land troops. Probably not less than 1,000 men devised to remove the barricade, Flag-Officer Goldsand been placed in lannehes, and were being towed borough confided that difficult work to Lieut. Jeffers by the Pilot Boy and Pawtuxent in toward the shore, of the Underwriter. This officer organized an expeber and Sai d Point, the most favorable localities for was black with men. A beat with a reconnoisering wood, Putnare, Seymour, Brinker, Valley City, and command of Acting As the flort gathers together compactly, to pass landing Gen. Burmide's forces—and grievously had party had previously been sent forward, and as they Whitehead, and proceeded to the work of removing ioned in the woods. The Delaware thereupon went further progress of the expedition, and open a pasinch shrapnell shell scattered the Rebels like sheep, in. Gradually feeling their way, they reconneitered the wind having changed to the south-west, and the first steady and silent advance of this great host for barries to the south-west, and the contract of the south-west, and t healde several wooden buildings in the immediate done the work anchored in Albemarie Sound for the

a look at us as we lay stretched in a semicircle of ading was now incressant; and with the pall of black- Not since the Government set out earnest to cans, the shricks of the shot, the score was one long ceived such a blow as has been dealt it by the expe-

among the cluster of transports and launches, now landing of the troops began vesterday afternoon at stramed down abreast of the island, and engaged Ashley's Harbor (which, by the way, is as little ours, opposite Park Point Buttery. The audacity of worthy of the name us you can imagine), seconding his movement challenged the admiration of those to the plan proviously arranged by Gen. Fester. who witnessed it, as it did the shots of a number of The troops were taken in small steamers to within our gunbouts, who had their attention thus diverted about 400 feet of the abore, which distance the entire to a may all conflict of anything during the day. Safe wade, at every step sinking to the middle into the behind the barricade they had drawn across the roft bottom. This was a most tedious and exbansting Sound, the Rebels could afford to be during, for they operation, and the night was well advanced before it knew that they could now be consent anyond the was completed. The rain was manning, a contract This being the signal for which all eyes line of sunken versels and piles. Yet they did not was blowing at the time, and the men were comtion. It was at this point the enemy omitted an op-Night was drawing on, and still the battery held pertunity by failing to oppose the landing of our at, though it fired only at long intervals. Gen. forces, who confidently expected to gain the shore in

Information obtained from various sources repre The casualties of the day were: Wm. Singleton, sented the Rebels in force, intrenched on what the as which the railroads from Wilhaington, on the Cape Fear, and from Newbern, on the Nense River, converge.

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Considering all things, the number of casualties is ing had done, the reader will bear in mind that the

> the hold, one in the magazine.
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> was situated, and neross which lay the road, the
> The Louisiana was visited by an 80-pound shell, battery of three guns had been located so as to rake which, after passing through her iron hull, breaking every inch of the narrow canseway, which, for some

> The Ceres had her beauty marred by two shots, on a position on the right, with the view of turning at longitudinally and perpendicularly into her, one the enemy. This was done with the greatest alaeof which burst under the boiler, much to the discom- rity. Meanwhile, the contest raged holly in front, ture of Acting-Master Macdiarmade, who evidently our men behaving gallantly, not wavering for a moacted on the principle of carrying his boat first and ment. The Massachusetts men vied with the men oremest everywhere.
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> The Southfield had a shot through her, which courageously supporting their brothren of Pennsyl-truck only a few feet from the latest through her, which truck only a few feet from where Flag-Officer vania. Our troops were gradually overcoming the difficulties which impeded their approach, and The Hunchback was somewhat disfigured, and though fighting at great disadvantage, and suffering severely, were making a steady advance. Regulars er machinery temporarily disabled. Eegulace
> The Barney had some extra windows made through were never more steady. Gen. Burnside was new per simple wood-works, and a shell burst on her the place of landing, hurrying up the reserves, receiving reports, and, so far as practicable, giving

> Gee. Foster was in active command on the ground. chas where the troops landed, their camp-fires were His brave and collected manner, the shillfulness with distinctly seen. Thus closed the day's operations, so which he, as well as Gen. Reno and Gen. Parks